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In Re Application of: Maurice R. De Billot, et al. ) Confirmation No.: 8087  
Serial No: 10/026,301 ) Examiner: Alton Nathaniel Pryor  
Filed: December 19, 2001 ) Art Unit: 1616  
Title: Method of Improving Yield and Vigor ) Deposit Account: 50-2548  
Of Plants ) Customer No.: 45850

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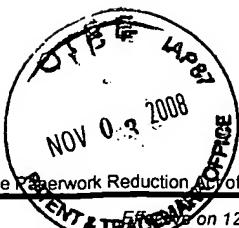
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	330	165	540	270	220	110	
Design	220	110	100	50	140	70	
Plant	220	110	330	165	170	85	
Reissue	330	165	540	270	650	325	
Provisional	220	110	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=		52	26	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=		390	195	

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Government fee to file supplemental information disclosure after Final OA

\$180.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 54,717	Telephone 864-250-2289
Name (Print/Type)	Marcia T. Greci, Ph.D., Esq.		Date October 30, 2008

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant is submitting the art shown on the attached list for consideration by the Examiner. By this submission, it is not admitted that any of the listed references are, in fact, prior art. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make an independent search and evaluation of all relevant prior art.

I, the person signing below, state that the items of information contained in the supplemental information disclosure statement were cited in a related U.S. application not more than three months prior to the filing of this supplemental information disclosure statement.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a Final Office Action and is therefore accompanied by the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), as required by 37 C.F.R § 1.97(c)(2).

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should there be any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully requested,

NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH, LLP

October 30, 2008

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